

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph [0033] of page 10 (continuing to page 11) of the Disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

Figures **6A** to **6D** are schematic diagrams showing shapes of a tip (i.e., a portion where probes are to be contacted) of a pin **5** according to the invention. Figure **6A** shows a pin **5a** with a concave tip. A pin **5b** shown in Figure **6B** has a concave tip with a cross-shaped groove, and the groove has a width and a depth shorter than the head end width. The concave shape of the tip of the pin allows the probe solution to be carried by surface tension by simply dipping the pin in the solution. The depth of the concave is optional. The amount of the DNA carried with the pin **5a** or **5b** with the concave tip is about 10 times or more the amount carried with a conventional pin with a flat tip. A pin **5c** shown in Figure **6C** has a flat tip with a cross-shaped groove, and the groove has a width and a depth shorter than the head end width. The amount of the DNA carried with this pin **5c** is also higher than that carried with the conventional flat tip. The pin **5d** shown in Figure **6D** has four pointed tops with spaces between two adjacent tops to provide two V-shape notches crossing at right angles at its cylindrical head end. A bottom of each notch passes through the central point of the pin head. With this pin, a greater amount of a probe solution can be picked up and spotting accuracy may be enhanced. This pin also allows easy transferring of the probe solution from the tip of the pin onto a plate.